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PLEASE PASS TO NICHOLAS G. ANDREWS, O.O.B. JULY 27

1. BEGIN QUOTE: MR. FIRST SECRETARY, MR. PREMIER, MR. MAYOR
KRAKOWIACY (KRAH-KOV-YA-TZY -- CITIZENS OF KRAKOW) ;.

2. AS THE FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO STAND IN THIS
HISTORIC SQUARE, I AM STRUCK BY ITS BEAUTY AND THAT OF
THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS WHICH SURROUND IT. THE MAGNIFICENT
CLOTHE HALL REPRESENTS TO ME NOT ONLY THE IMAGINATION
OF PAST GENERATIONS BUT THE INSPIRED SPIRIT OF THE
POLISH PEOPLE.

3. AS I LOOK AT THE SAINT MARY'S CHURCH, I AM REMINDED OF
THAT WHICH SO MANY AMERICANS WHO CAME FROM THE KRAKOW
REGION HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT THE HOURLY TRUMPET CALL FROM
THE HIGH TOWER -- THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS CONSTANT
VIGILANCE.

4. AS I SEE THE MORE
MODERN MONUMENT TO MICKIEWICZ (MITZ-KYE-VICH) --
WRITER, POET, PATRIOT -- I THINK OF POLAND'S CULTURAL
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EXCELLENCE AND KRAKOW'S CENTRAL ROLE IN THE POLISH

CULTURAL TRADITION.

5. I AM PROUD TO BE HERE WITH YOU AT THIS PLACE FROM
WHENCE THE LAMP OF LIBERTY, TIME AND TIME AGAIN,
HAS GONE FORTH. AS THE UNITED STATES ENTERS ITS
BICENTENNIAL YEAR, YOUR FLAME BURNS STILL IN OUR
HEARTS. INGERSOLL

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